

NEEDS OF STEVENS INSTITUTE.

AN APPEAL TO ITS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS FOR AID IN ENLARGEMENT.

The Stevens Institute of Technology, which was founded over twenty years ago by an endowment from the late Edwin A. Stevens, has since been pursuing its course of educating mechanical engineers, until it has now a list of over 400 graduates, many of whom are occupying places of the greatest responsibility as superintendents and managers in big machine-shops, manufacturers and railroads. The success of its graduates has had the effect of increasing the number of applicants for admission, until for some time numbers of those presenting themselves have been rejected for lack of space. Realizing the unfortunate effect of this state of affairs, the alumni at a recent meeting appointed a committee to take steps toward securing the means for erecting new buildings and otherwise increasing the capacity of the Institute.

Committees from each class were appointed to solicit aid in the proposed work of erecting a new building to accommodate the departments of chemistry and physics.

The relative positions of Stevens Institute of Technology and the Columbia School of Mines is distinctly set forth by Dr. Chandler in the following letter, in which he says the two schools are congenitally rivals:

"School of Mines, Columbia College, April 2, 1892.

"My Dear Sir.—In reply to your letter I would say that you will find to your satisfaction that the alumni of Stevens Institute are taking an active interest in the affairs of their alma mater. The alumni of an institution should be well informed of its needs, and every effort should be made to interest them in the development of the institution in which they have received their professional education."

I have always taken a lively interest in Stevens, partly from the fact that a distinguished president is one of my most valued friends, and because I have been intimate with several members of the faculty, and also because I know what a grand world the Institute has been doing for technical education. I heartily hope that Stevens may continue to be a model of Stevens Institutes, as mechanical engineers. At the school of mines we have always regarded the Institute as a companion, never as a rival. We have worked in neighboring fields, and our products there were not exactly the same. We have devoted ourselves to the education of civil and mining engineers, chemists, architects, etc., while Stevens has made a specialty of mechanical engineers.

We are both in the same great metropolis, although on opposite sides of the Hudson River, and we draw our pupils from the same locality. Stevens is in fact a New York school, all success in your move for enlarged accommodations, and I have no doubt that the efforts of the alumni in this direction will meet with the success that has characterized their undertakings in the past. Very sincerely yours,

C. F. CHANDLER,
To William L. Lyall, esq., Secretary Alumni Association.

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